



Brownfields 2021 Job Training Grant Fact Sheet

Nye County, NV

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. The Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act of 2002, as amended by the Brownfields Utilization, Investment and Local Development Act of 2018, was passed to help states and communities around the country clean up and revitalize brownfield sites. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through five competitive grant programs: Multipurpose Grants, Assessment Grants, Revolving Loan Fund Grants, Cleanup Grants, and Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Grant funds are provided to nonprofit organizations and other eligible entities to recruit and train unemployed and underemployed residents from communities affected by environmental pollution, economic disinvestment, and brownfields and place them in environmental jobs. Since the program was created in 1998, EPA has funded 335 job training grants totaling over \$72 million through the Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training program. A total of 18,541 individuals have been trained and 13,751 individuals have been placed in full-time careers related to land remediation and environmental health and safety. The average starting wage for these jobs is more than \$14 an hour. This equates to a cumulative placement rate of approximately 74%.

Job Training Grant

\$200,000.00

EPA has selected Nye County for an Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training grant. Nye County plans to train between 64 and 68 students and place up to 56 in environmental jobs. The training program includes 140 hours of instruction in 40-hour HAZWOPER, Asbestos and Lead-Based Paint Abatement, OSHA 10-hour Construction Industry, OSHA 10-hour General Industry, CPR/First Aid/AED and Blood Borne Pathogens, and Environmental Technician training. Students who complete the training will earn up to six federal certifications. Nye County is targeting young adults, successful graduates of Nye County's Drug Court Program, veterans, and unemployed or underemployed residents of the Towns of Amargosa Valley, Beatty, Pahrump, and Tonopah, as well as the Duckwater Shoshone Reservation. Key partners include the Town of Tonopah, the Nye Communities Coalition, the Wulfenstein Construction Company, C&S Waste Solutions of Nevada, the Kinross Round Mountain Gold Corporation, Gemfield Resources LLC, the University of Nevada, the Reno Cooperative Extension-North, BEC Environmental, Nye County School District-Adult Education Program, the Pahrump Valley Center, the Nye School District, Nye County Emergency Management Services, the Southwest Central Regional Economic Development Authority, the University of Nevada-Reno Cooperative Extension, and the Duckwater Shoshone Tribe Division of Natural Resources.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields Web site (<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields>).

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